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All praise and thanks belong to Allah, Lord of the Universe. May Allah's blessings and peace be upon the last of the prophets and messengers Muhammad, his family, Companions, and all those who follow in his footsteps till the end of time.

This is the third of the *Islamic Creed Series* books authored by Dr. 'Umar Sulayman al-Ashqar. Satan is the unique creation of the All-Mighty. A symbol of arrogance, rebellion and all possible imaginable evil, he is also the archenemy of mankind. He belongs to the invisible world of the Jinn. This book deals with this peculiar species in detail, based extensively on the texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah in addition to the authentic classical sources. The Arabic version has gone through a number of editions pointing to the popularity it gained among scholars as well as the lay readership. We feel happy to present an excellent English translation of the same book for general benefit.

May Allah bless with acceptance the efforts of the author, the translator and all others associated with its publication.

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CHAPTER ONE

DEFINITION OF THE WORLD OF THE JINN AND DEVILS

Introduction

The jinn form a world other than that of the world of mankind and the world of the angels. They have some things in common with mankind in the sense that they are described as possessing reason and understanding, and therefore the ability to choose between good and evil. They are unlike mankind in some other ways, the most important of which is that the origin of the jinn is different from that of man.

Why they are called “jinn”

They are called jinn because they conceal themselves (*ijtimaan*) from people's sight. Ibn 'Aqeel said: “The jinn are so called because they conceal themselves from people's sight. The word *janeen* (foetus) comes from the same root, and the *mijann* (shield) is so called because it conceals the fighter in war.”¹

In the Qur'an it says:

﴿إِنَّهُمْ يَرُنْكُم هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ﴾

﴿Verily, he [the *Shaytaan*] and *Qabeeluhu* [his soldiers from the jinn or his tribe] see you from where you cannot see them.﴾

[Qur'an 7:27]

1 - Their origin and creation

(1) The origin from which they were created

Allah tells us that the jinn were created from fire, as He says:

﴿وَالْجَانَّ خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ مِنْ نَارِ السَّمُومِ﴾

¹ *Aakaam al-Mirjaan fi Ahkaam al-Jaan*, p. 7.